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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IDLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) No person shall cause
2 or allow a motor vehicle to operate for more than three consecutive
3 minutes when such motor vehicle is not in motion, except as follows:
- 4 (1) When a motor vehicle is forced to remain motionless because of
5 traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties over which the operator
6 has no control;
- 7 (2) When it is necessary to operate defrosting, heating or cooling
8 equipment to ensure the safety or health of the driver or passengers;
- 9 (3) When it is necessary to operate auxiliary equipment that is
10 located in or on the motor vehicle to accomplish the intended use of
11 the motor vehicle;
- 12 (4) When it is necessary to bring the motor vehicle to the
13 manufacturer's recommended operating temperature;
- 14 (5) When the outdoor temperature is below twenty degrees

15 Fahrenheit;

16 (6) When the motor vehicle is undergoing maintenance or an
 17 inspection that requires such motor vehicle be operated for more than
 18 three consecutive minutes;

19 (7) When a motor vehicle is in queue to be inspected by United
 20 States military personnel prior to gaining access to a United States
 21 military installation;

22 (8) When a law enforcement, firefighting rescue or emergency
 23 vehicle is in the course of responding to an emergency; or

24 (9) When a motor vehicle is in a queue at a drive-in establishment.

25 For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any automobile
 26 or truck, and does not include any agricultural tractor or farm
 27 implement, as defined in section 14-1 of the 2008 supplement to the
 28 general statutes.

29 (b) A violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the idling for more than three consecutive minutes of any motor vehicle, except for certain exempted purposes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]